

Amendments to the Drawings:

Applicant has provided herewith a new drawing sheet, labeled as "FIG. 10a" illustrating use of a fin guard covering a surfboard fin and fin locking assembly, and further including a fin mounting fastener. Several other minor changes have also been made to more clearly illustrate the features in this drawing. No new matter has been added.

Attachment: New Drawing Sheet (FIG. 10a)

REMARKS

Claims 30-35 and 37-41 are pending in the present application. In an *Ex parte Quayle* Action dated February 23, 2006, the specification was objected to as well as amended drawing 10a.

Objections to the Specification

The specification was objected to (newly amended paragraph 0064) because reference numeral 1304 had been referred to as a "circular depression" instead of a "race". Applicant has amended this paragraph so as to refer to item 1304 as a race.

Objections to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to because the fin mounting feature had not been shown, reference numeral 1010 could not be distinguished from channel 1008, and reference numeral 1002 was not properly pointing to the outer wall of the housing or the middle portion of its wall. Applicant has amended drawing 10a to correct these findings.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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